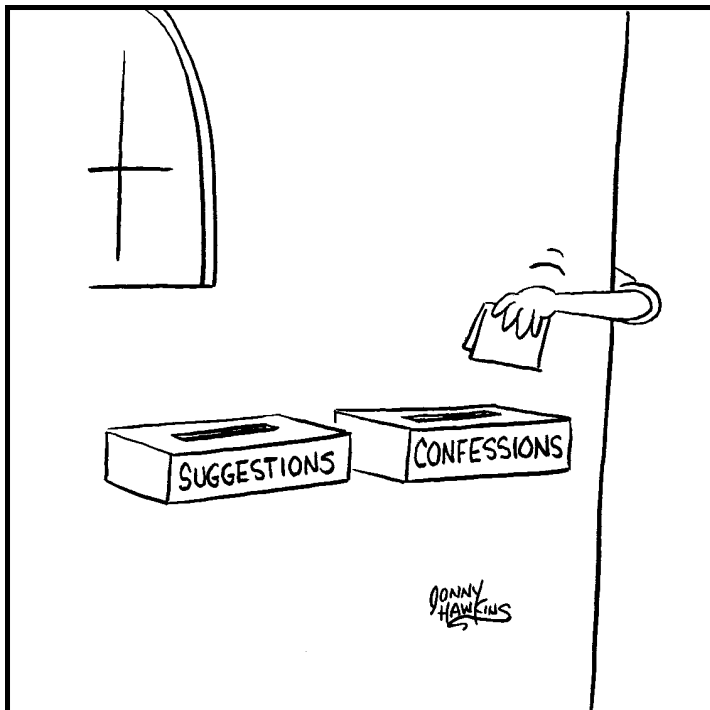


# Sunday September 16 through Sunday September 23

- Pastor Robert will continue his Fall Sermon Series. This lesson will focus on Faith in Fear. The sermon series outline is still available if anyone would like one.
- Youth will be meeting this evening at 5 pm.
- Boy Scouts will meet at 7 pm on Monday.
- The Girl Scouts will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 7 pm.
- Prayer Team meets at 6 pm on Wednesday and everyone is invited to attend.
- Choir practice will be at 7 pm on Wednesday evening.
- Next Sunday is the Appalachian District Conference in Weber City.
- Youth will be canceled September 23.



## Sunday September 16

10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship  
5:00 pm—UMYF  
5:00 pm—Asbury Circle

## Monday September 17

7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

## Tuesday September 18

7:00 pm— Girl Scouts

## Wednesday September 19

6:00 pm—Prayer Team  
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

## Thursday September 20

No Scheduled Activities

## Friday September 21

9:00 am—MEOC

## Saturday September 22

No Scheduled Activities

## Sunday September 23

10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship  
3:00 pm—Appalachian District Conference  
5:00 pm—UMYF canceled

Genesis 3:8-13

The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil: Faith in Fear

In whom do you place your faith? Allow me to ask the question another way: Who do you trust to deliver you from evil? Again, the same question may be asked this way: Who is Lord of your life?

The cornerstone of Biblical faith is belief. In the Apostle’s Creed, we profess that we believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Belief is transformed into faith when we are challenged with the temptation to judge our neighbors, ourselves, good or evil. Faith, therefore, always calls Disciples to repentance. Disciples see Good and Evil, but by faith they trust Jesus Christ to be judge and redeemer of the person who ate of the fruit of the tree God commanded us not to eat.

Within the Law of Moses, we find stories of great Faith. In Genesis 12:1-4, God gives us an outline of faith. Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and all of the families of the earth shall be blessed.” Notice that people who place their faith in the Lord always bless their neighbor. Condemnation, the curse, belongs to the Lord, alone!

Read Genesis 3:14-19. Pay very close attention to God’s ways. See who and what God curses. What you see may well surprise you. As a matter of fact, what you see and hear may contradict everything you have been taught at the story we call The Fall of Humanity.

God cursed the serpent and the soil, not Adam or Eve. Adam and Eve were told they would experience pain. The pain of childbirth. The pain of maintaining relationships in marriage and family. The pain of harvesting crops, or as we call it the pain of, “making ends meet.”

See the chart below. Notice that Good and Evil are made Holy by Jesus Christ through God’s redeeming work on the Cross.

<b>God’s Questions of Adam and Eve</b>	<b>The Broad Road that Leads to Destruction</b>	<b>The Narrow Road that Leads to Life</b>
Where are you?	Fear as Shame	Repentance
Who told you that you were naked?	Fear as Guilt	Who is Lord of your life?
Have you eaten of the tree I commanded you not to eat?	Fear as Blame	Confession
What have you done?	Fear leads to the temptation of evil; The Curse.	Confession leads to reconciliation; God’s Blessing
The Beginning and End of each path.	<b>Sin</b>	<b>Holy as God is Holy</b>